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> Dear Mr. Bush,

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> I write to express my deep concern over the Justice Department settlement
> of the Microsoft antitrust case. I believe it to be misguided and in the
> long run detrimental to consumers and the informational technology
> industry in general. It rewards rather than punishes a convicted
> monopolist for its behavior by fostering its inroads into education, one
> of the few areas it has yet to dominate. Microsoft's strategy has always
> been to use its OS monopoly to leverage its other businesses. It has
> shown no remorse or even acknowledgement of its overly aggressive
> practices. Microsoft protests but sounds like Brer Rabbit pleading not to
> be thrown into the briar patch. It has never been especially innovative,
> and the IT industry has always had to look elsewhere for technological
> advances. Please do not sell out the future for transient economic gains
> despite our current economic woes.

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> Sincerely,

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